



# Temporary Positions



USDA Forest Service, R-2 (Rocky Mountain Region)  
Black Hills National Forest, SD; Hell Canyon Ranger District

The Hell Canyon Ranger District may be advertising and filling several Temporary positions for the Custer, SD and Newcastle, WY offices.

**Archeological Aid/Technician (GS102-4); contact Laura Burns, Matt Padilla or Michael Engelhart**

Primary duties include archaeological survey, site documentation, and site monitoring. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 40 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, and may be asked to drive UTV's, 4X4 trucks.

[TEMPOCR-102-04-ARCH-TECH-DT](#)

**Range Aid/Technician (GS-455-3/4/5); contact Justin McConkey or Sheila French**

The primary duties associated with this position include the inventory and treatment of noxious weeds, construction of range improvement structures (fences, water developments) and assisting with vegetation surveys. The types of tools used to complete these tasks include: maps, GPS units, cameras, weather meters, hand tools, power tools, chainsaws, backpack spray units, ATV's, UTV's, pack horses, 4X4 trucks and trailers. Individuals will receive training, gain basic plant identification skills and become a certified pesticide applicator. Newcastle, WY is the primary duty station for these positions with work performed across the entire district.

[TEMPOCR-0455-03-RANGE-DT](#)

[TEMPOCR-0455-4-RANGE-DT](#)

[TEMPOCR-0455-5-RANGE-DT](#)

**Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-3/4/5) Recreation; contact Laura Burns or Dave Pickford**

Contacts visitors and checks visitor use of recreation facilities. Monitors compliance with recreation area rules and regulations of parking, campfires, sanitation, and use of picnic sites, trails (motorized and non-motorized), reports violations to Law Enforcement Officers. Cleans recreation areas and maintains improvements (cleans outhouses, mows grass, etc), constructs and/or maintains hiking and/or motorized trails. Answers routine questions on recreation opportunities and activities. May be a crew member or leader for other temporary employees in support of recreation and trail maintenance activities.

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[TEMPOCR-462-4-REC-DT](#)

[TEMPOCR-462-5-REC-DT](#)

**Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-3/4/5) Wilderness; contact Laura Burns or Dave Pickford**

Employee is a crew member or leader for duties in support of programs in recreation and wilderness management with the ability to hiking long distances in a remote setting. Duties include checking visitor use, monitoring compliance with agency rules and regulations for campfires, sanitation, camp sites, party size, etc., performs trail log, condition surveys, trail clearing. Uses tools such as crosscut saws, adze, axes, and hand tools to maintain wilderness areas and trails utilizing minimal tool concept. Assists in re-establishment of native plants at denuded campsites and abandoned trails, completes water quality sampling, provides wilderness education and Leave No Trace guidance to visitors.

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[TEMPOCR-462-04-WLDN-DT](#)

[TEMPOCR-462-05-WILDN-DT](#)

### **Forestry Aid/Technician (GS-3/4/5) Timber; contact Patricia Hudson**

Takes and/or records basic measurements such as compass readings, distance measurements, tree heights, tree diameters, tree growth, and determines common species. Receives training on marking trees for cutting and using tools such as Spiegel Relaskop, clinometer, compass, chain, diameter tape, increment borer, electronic field data recorder, etc. Selects and marks individual trees for harvest using well defined marking guidelines, silvicultural prescriptions, and specific instruction. Estimates individual tree volume by established methods. Traverses harvest units, produces maps. Designates sale area and cutting unit boundaries on the ground. May provide leadership and direction to a crew performing a variety of field measurements, collection and monitoring tasks.

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[TEMPOCR-0462-6-LDTSP-DT](#)

### **Forestry Aid (GS-3/4/5) Fire; contact Gwen Lipp**

These positions are part of a wildland fire crew, performing wildland firefighting work on an engine, helitack module, or hand crew. These crews perform work directly related to wildland fire suppression, preparedness, prevention, and hazardous fuels reduction with responsibility for the operation and maintenance of specialized tools or equipment. The District consists of two Duty Stations that are staffed with a total of Six Wildland Fire Engine Modules. On average, the Hell Canyon Engine Modules respond to approximately 60 Wildland Fires each year in our local area. In addition, they frequently travel to other parts of the country to provide assistance wherever there is a need. There may be frequent travel associated with these positions.

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[TEMPOCR-0462-4-ENGINE-DT](#)

[TEMPOCR-0462-05-ENGINE-DT](#)

#### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for **Wildland Firefighters**. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a "condition of employment." The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack.

### **How to Apply**

These appointments are temporary seasonal positions. The vacancy announcements will be posted on USAJOBS at [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) in the near future.

To apply for a job, there are four basic steps:

1. Create an account - Enter your profile information and create a resume. Please note that you do not need to create a "My Account" to search for jobs, but you must create an account to apply for jobs online.
2. Search jobs - Use basic search to enter in job and location keyword information from the USAJOBS home page or the advanced search function. Review the job opportunity announcements and note of those of interest. Carefully review the "Qualification and Evaluation" section to determine whether you will qualify for the position. You must identify Custer, SD and/or Newcastle, WY as locations specific to the above listed positions.
3. Apply for jobs - Carefully follow the instructions in the "How to Apply" section for each announcement. Submit any additional documentation to verify your qualifications such as transcripts, SF-50 Notification

of Personnel Action, and/or Veterans' Form DD-214. You may store up to five uploaded or "resume builder" created resumes.

4. **Manage Your Career** - Log into your account to obtain application status for positions for which you have applied. Contact the agency for specific follow-up questions or those related to the particular job. The agency contact information is listed on the right hand side of the announcement.

If you are interested in working as part of the Hell Canyon Ranger District and would like more information, contact Laura Burns or Patricia Hudson at 605-673-4853, Gwen Lipp at 605-673-9373 (Custer), Justin McConkey at 307-746-2782 (Newcastle).

### **BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST**

The Black Hills National Forest is 1.2 million acres of forested hills and mountains. It is 110 miles long and 70 miles wide, approximately 87 percent of which are in South Dakota and 13 percent in Wyoming. The Black Hills has been a special place for many to come for physical and spiritual renewal. The name "Black Hills" comes from the Lakota Sioux words, Paha Sapa - "hills are black". Some unique features in the area include Devils Tower National Monument, Mount Rushmore National Monument, Crazy Horse Mountain, Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Badlands National Park and Custer State Park.

### **HELL CANYON RANGER DISTRICT**

The Hell Canyon Ranger District encompasses approximately 440,000 acres in the Southern part of the Black Hills. Timber harvest and related silviculture activities is the largest resource program on the district. Average annual timber offer is about 20 million board feet. The district also has very active programs in lands and minerals, wildlife habitat improvement, recreation, cultural resources, and livestock grazing. Game species on the district include white-tailed deer and mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, Merriam's turkey and ruffed grouse. Bunkhouse facilities are available on a limited basis.

### **COMMUNITY of Custer, South Dakota**

Custer, South Dakota, population approximately 1800. Facilities in Custer include two grocery stores, five gas stations, a small hospital, a clinic, and two dentists. Churches include Baptist, Catholic, Lutheran, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan, Church of Christ, and Non-Denominational. The community also offers one library, nine hole golf course, one weekly newspaper, a post office, volunteer fire department, ambulance service, city offices, county offices and several local retail businesses.

The summers in Custer (Elevation 5300') are moderate with moderate rainfall and temperatures generally range from 60-90 degrees. Winters are mild with moderate snowfall and temperatures generally ranging from 0-40 degrees, with occasional below zero temperatures. Rentals are limited with prices ranging from \$500-\$700 per month.

Tourism is a main industry in Custer and support services such as motels and restaurants are abundant. Nearby lakes offer boating and fishing, hunting, hiking, and rock climbing are some recreational opportunities offered in the surrounding area.

Rapid City is the nearest larger town with a population of 60,000. It is located 45 miles north of Custer and includes Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, shopping malls, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, a regional hospital and all other typical services found in a larger city.

You can also contact the Custer Chamber of Commerce at 615 Washington, Custer, SD 57730 or (605) 673-8844 or visit their web site at [www.custersd.com/](http://www.custersd.com/)